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Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C., 20301

Dear Joe:

With reference to your letter of 3 July 1965 in which you proposed a joint message regarding intelligence requirements on the road watch teams in Laos, I agreed with your proposed cable with two minor additions which my staff coordinated with Mr. [ ] of your staff on 7 July 1965. A copy of the final message is attached hereto. It was sent 7 July 1965 to our Stations in Vientiane, Saigon, [ ]

If, as a result of your trip to Saigon [ ] you have any further thoughts on this matter, my staff is prepared to discuss them with your representatives at any time.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Deputy Director

Attachment:

Copy of [ ]

Signature Recommended:

/s/ Thomas H. Karamessines

13 JUL 1965

A/ Deputy Director for Plans

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TO: VIENTIANE, SAIGON,

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CINCPAC, MACV, MACTHAI

FROM: WASHINGTON 25938, 7 JULY 1965

JOINT CIA/DIA MESSAGE

1. CIA AND DIA HAVE REVIEWED THE CIA INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EFFORT IN LAOS DIRECTED TOWARD THE INFILTRATION OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL THROUGH LAOS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. THIS REVIEW TOOK COGNIZANCE OF THE FACT THAT WHILE CIA HAS BEEN GIVEN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING ROAD WATCH OPERATIONS IN LAOS, THE EXECUTION OF SUCH OPERATIONS IS SUBJECT TO PRESCRIBED POLICY AFFECTING THE U.S. POSTURE IN LAOS. AS SUCH, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THROUGH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING CIA ACTIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ESTABLISHED POLICY.

3. DIA AND CIA AGREED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF OBJECTIVES, THE ASSIGNMENT OF COLLECTION PRIORITIES, AND THE BROAD SCALE PLANNING NECESSARY AND PRELIMINARY TO THE ATTAINMENT OF SUCH OBJECTIVES, WOULD BE PURSUED JOINTLY BY DIA AND CIA AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. IT WAS

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FURTHER AGREED THAT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE  
LEVIED ON EXISTING SYSTEMS OR RESOURCES WOULD BE  
DEVELOPED BY COMUSMACV IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAS, SAIGON,  
WHO WOULD THEN PASS THESE REQUIREMENTS TO CAS, VIENTIANE,  
FOR SATISFACTION.

4. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT CERTAIN SELECT OFFICERS  
IN SUBORDINATE FIELD COMMANDS SHOULD BE BRIEFED ON THE  
CIA ROAD WATCH OPERATIONS IN LAOS. IN THIS CONNECTION,  
OCCASIONAL VISITS TO [ ] ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE  
TO INSURE THAT ANY REQUIREMENTS TO BE LEVIED UPON CIA  
REFLECT AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF THE  
OPERATIONS, THEIR COMPLEXITIES AND THE POLITICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED. IT IS CIA'S DESIRE THAT ANY VISITS  
TO ITS [ ] FACILITIES BY SUBJECT TO CIA HEADQUARTERS  
APPROVAL IN EACH INSTANCE.

END OF MESSAGE

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: Letter to Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll**

1. The attached letter to Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll, Director, DIA, was prepared by the FE Division, for your signature, in reply to General Carroll's letter of 3 July 1965. In that letter, General Carroll proposed a joint message to various field elements concerning the Roadwatcher Program in Laos.

2. The proposed reply merely confirms the action taken: agreement with General Carroll's draft with two minor additions which were coordinated with the DIA, and transmittal of the joint message on 7 July 1965.

3. The message in question is an effort by the FE Division to place on Headquarters, rather than on our field stations, the burden of paper exercises with DIA regarding roadwatch intelligence priorities, broad planning to fill in reporting gaps, and the like. Field requirements on existing assets will be levied by subordinate commands such as CINCPAC and COMUSMACV.

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/s/ Thomas H. Karamessines  
Thomas H. Karamessines  
Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms

The attached proposed letter to General Carroll comments on the joint CIA-DIA message regarding road watch teams in Laos and attaches for his information a copy of the message as it was actually sent on 7 July.

Recommend signature.



L. K. White

14 JUL 1965

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